

diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Grace for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING SIX C FABRICATION

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses are often able to provide specialized customer service in their industries, with the ability to attract talented employees who are motivated to work hard and focus on innovation. This week, I am proud to recognize Six C Fabrication of Winnfield, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

Robin Cummings founded Six C Fabrication in 1990 as a small shop in Winnfield, LA, with the name originating from the “C” of the family name and “six” counting for the members of the Cummings family, including Robin, his wife, and their four children. Robin’s intent with Six C Fabrication was to provide Louisiana with the best available and most efficient service for fabrication. The Louisiana-based business was originally focused on lumber, but later expanded to other divisions—leading to exponential growth in revenue and employees. Today, Six C has 425 employees between its headquarters in North Louisiana and two facilities in Ohio. Cummings and his team now specialize in fabrication of compressor stations, power piping, process piping, petrochemical operations, pressure valves, and pulp and paper industries, in addition to their original lumber services. Additionally, Six C Fabrication offers a full range of welding services using state of the art equipment—all aimed at meeting the spectrum of their customers’ needs.

In recent years, the company has made tremendous strides toward success, from once having a gross income of \$300,000 to now averaging a gross income of \$46 million. Six C’s central location provides optimal transportation options, resulting in timely turnaround and an additional extension of their unrivaled customer service. Six C has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2008 Business of the Year for Winnfield, LA, Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Corporation 70 Safest Companies of 2010 award, and 2011 Kisatchie-Delta Entrepreneur of the Year, among others.

Congratulations again to Six C Fabrication for being selected as Small Business of the Week. We appreciate and recognize your success and contribution to Louisiana’s manufacturing industry and local economy.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1734. An act to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2352. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2353. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2354. A communication from the Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank’s 2014 Annual Report, 2014 Management Report, Statement on the System of Internal Controls, and Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2355. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2357. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Mid-Session Review of the Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2016”; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

EC-2358. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revised Exhibit Submission Requirements for Commission Hearings” (Docket No. RM15-5-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2359. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment” ((RIN1904-AD23) (Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0015)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2360. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Adhesives and Sealants” (FRL No. 9930-94-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2361. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates” (Notice 2015-50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2362. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Notice 2015-4” (Notice 2015-51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2363. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility” ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2364. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Health Resources Priority and Allocations Systems (HRPAS)” (RIN0991-AB94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2365. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Compliance Date”

((RIN0910-AG57) (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0172)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2366. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Hearing Before the Food and Drug Administration; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2367. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2368. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-99, "Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request Act of 2015"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2369. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist (Executive Resources), Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2370. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2013 Annual Report to the President and Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2371. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to accomplishments made under the Airport Improvement Program for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2372. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2015 Annual Report: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Status of Actions Addressing the Safety Issue Areas on the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Most Wanted List"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2373. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Numbering Policies for Modern Communications, IP-Enabled Services . . . Connect America Fund, and Numbering Resource Optimization" ((RIN3060-AK36) (FCC 15-70)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2374. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Canned Pacific Salmon; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2375. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Khapra Beetle; New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles" (Docket No. APHIS-2013-0079) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2376. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to previously closed positions in the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2377. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps" ((RIN1904-AC82) (Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0029)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2378. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Year in Trade 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2379. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2380. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary/Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2381. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report for 2014 on Disability-Related Air Travel Complaints"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-52. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to designate Grambling State University as a United States Department of Agriculture 1890 land-grant institution; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Whereas, a land-grant college or university is a postsecondary education institution that has been designated to receive the benefits of the federal Morrill Acts of 1862 or 1890; and

Whereas, there is at least one land-grant institution in every state and territory of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia, and over the years, land-grant status has been associated with several types of federal support; and

Whereas, two universities in this state, Louisiana State University (LSU) and Southern University (SU), are designated as land-grant institutions; LSU received this designation in 1862, and in 1890, what is known as the Second Morrill Act conferred land-grant status to several historically black colleges and universities, commonly referred to as "1890 land-grant institutions", and SU is among this group; and

Whereas, Grambling State University, located in Grambling, Louisiana, is seeking designation as an 1890 land-grant institution under the banner of the Second Morrill Act; and

Whereas, Grambling State University was founded in 1901 by the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association; in 1905, it moved to its present location and was renamed the North Louisiana Agricultural and Industrial School; in 1946, it became Grambling College; and in 1949, it earned its first accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

Whereas, in 1974, the school began to offer graduate programs in early childhood and elementary education and acquired the name Grambling State University; over the years, several new academic programs have been incorporated and new facilities added to the 384-acre campus; and

Whereas, Grambling now offers more than eight hundred courses and forty-seven degree programs in five colleges, including an honors college, two professional schools, a graduate school, and a Division of Continuing Education; and

Whereas, Grambling combines the academic strengths of a major university with the benefits of a small college, and its students grow and learn in a serene and positive environment; and

Whereas, in addition to being one of the country's top producers of African American graduates, Grambling is home to the internationally renowned Tiger Marching Band and remains proud of the legacy of the late Eddie Robinson, Sr., a truly legendary football coach; and

Whereas, Grambling places an emphasis on the value and importance of each student, which is exemplified by its motto, "Where Everybody is Somebody"; and

Whereas, after more than a decade since its founding, Grambling remains an important influence in the quality of lives and communities of generations of North Louisiana residents; and

Whereas, the designation of Ohio's Central State University as an 1890 land-grant institution in the 2014 Farm Bill set a very recent precedent for the addition of a university to the land-grant system; and

Whereas, the nation's system of land-grant institutions would be strengthened by the inclusion of Grambling State University; and

Whereas, as a historically black university with a strong record of academics, research, and service, Grambling, with its rich history and traditions, would bring a unique perspective to the land-grant system; and

Whereas, for one hundred twenty-five years, the 1890 land-grant institutions have played a vital role in ensuring access to higher education and opportunity for underserved communities, and as such an institution, Grambling would have access to increased resources that it could direct to serving such communities and to providing research, extension, and public services in North Louisiana, an area where these services are not currently being provided sufficiently; and

Whereas, such designation would be consistent with Grambling's agricultural origins and its mission and history of service to African American students and the people of Louisiana and would strengthen Grambling's